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Serial No.: 09/717,767

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) Examiner: Unknown

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WEATHERSTRIP

) Atty. Dkt. No. 5709-159

# REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

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#### Honorable Sir:

The Petitioner notes the dismissal of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to proceed with prosecution of the above-referenced patent application notwithstanding the refusal of one inventor, Christopher L. Kesh, to join in the application.

The decision of January 14, 2002 notes a deficiency regarding proof that the non-signing inventor has refused to

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sign the Oath or Declaration after having been presented with the application papers.

As noted in the previous Petition, not only one of the inventors, Walter J. Kelly, but also the undersigned, David D. Murray, previously forwarded the application to Mr. Kesh at his last known, and believed to be current, residence. On no occasion has a response of any sort been forthcoming.

In view of the dismissal of the Petition, the undersigned has prepared and submits his Affidavit regarding his attempts to obtain the signature of Mr. Kesh. Specifically, on June 25, 2001 and August 7, 2001, the undersigned forwarded the application and declaration to Mr. Kesh. No response was received.

Based upon the dismissal of the Petition, the application and declaration was once again forwarded, this time by Certified Mail, to Mr. Kesh on March 13, 2002.

Mr. Kesh failed to pick up the envelope and it was returned to the undersigned on April 10, 2002.

Finally, it should be remembered that Mr. Kesh executed an Assignment in favor of GenCorp, Inc. on November 9, 2000, while he was employed by GenCorp. His refusal to execute further documents relating to this patent application commenced subsequent to the conclusion of his employment with GenCorp.

In view of all of the foregoing facts and Mr. Kesh's continued silence in the face of at least four attempts to obtain his review and signature of the subject patent application, the inescapable conclusion is that Mr. Kesh has and is refusing to execute this application.

A finding thereof by the Commissioner is respectfully requested in order that this application may proceed under 37  $C.F.R.\ 1.47(a)$ .

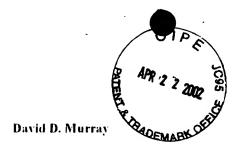
In a separate document, applicant herewith has requested a one-month extension of time, extending the response period relating to this Petition from March 14, 2002 to April 14, 2002. Inasmuch as April 14, 2002 was a Sunday, the filing of this Petition on Monday, April 15, 2002 is timely. A check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

David D. Murray

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### Dear Chris:

In connection with the filing of the above-referenced patent application, it is necessary that you execute and date the Inventors' Declaration of the subject patent application.

A copy of the patent application and Inventors' Declaration, already signed by Walt Kelly and Anthony Loe, is enclosed.

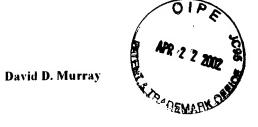
Upon review and execution of this document, please return it to me in Ann Arbor in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions, I invite your call.

Yours truly,

David D. Murray

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August 7, 2001

Mr. Christopher L. Kesh 3360 Pine Court West Bloomfield, MI 48324

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Our file: 5709-159

Dear Chris:

On June 25, 2001, I forwarded to you a patent application and Inventors' Declaration relating to a patent application which names you as one of the three joint inventors. As you may know, the patent application was filed earlier without your signature in accordance with certain rules of the Patent Office in order to expedite its filing.

The Patent Office has now required us to file the application with your signature and those of the other two inventors. Accordingly, it is necessary that you execute the enclosed Inventors' Declaration and return it to me promptly for filing with the Patent and Trademark Office.

Please attend to this matter at your early convenience and call me in Ann Arbor if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David D. Murray

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#### Dear Chris:

On June 25, 2001 and August 7, 2001, I forwarded to you a complete patent application and Inventors' Declaration relating to the above-referenced subject matter which names you as one of three joint inventors.

While the application was filed without your signature, the Patent Office encourages inventors to sign their patent applications although there are procedures within the Office to prosecute an application without same.

Because of your prior refusals to execute the applications forwarded to you, we are proceeding under the latter provisions.

It is presently unclear to the Patent Office whether you have refused to sign the application or whether it is not been provided to you. Accordingly, I am, for a third time, providing the application, drawings and Inventors' Declaration to you. Please either sign and date the Declaration in the spaces provided or indicate on this letter, by your signature, that you refuse to do so and return one or the other of these documents to me.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Christopher L. Kesh March 13, 2002 Page 2

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

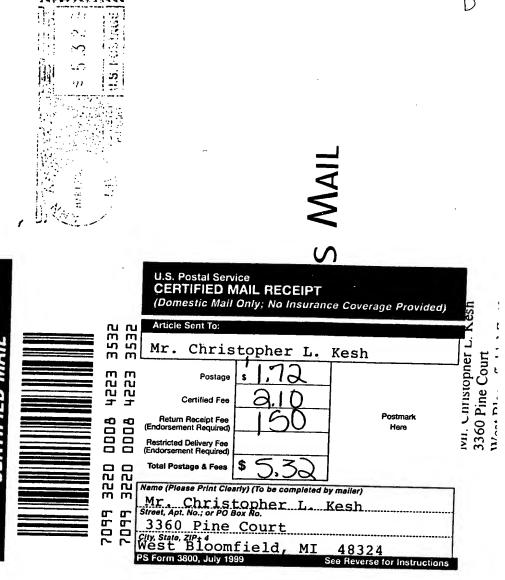
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I, Christopher L. Kesh, by signing this letter acknowledge that I have received the

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